

**FEEDBACK NETWORK**  
**Mass Distribution**  
**Email Date: February 3, 2015**



**SUBJECT LINE: Statewide Core Performance Measures “Starter” Set is Approved and Design Regions Announced!**

Dear Feedback Network Member,

**Performance Measures**

After a busy six months, the development of a statewide core set of performance measures for Washington State has finally been completed! The set of 52 measures was officially approved at the December 17, 2014 Performance Measures Coordinating Committee (PMCC) meeting.

Health Care Authority and their partner, the Washington Health Alliance, thank everyone who participated in the process and provided feedback during the public comment period. Whether you were able to attend planning meetings in person, by webinar, or telephone, your input was valuable to the process and very much appreciated!

The Performance Measures Coordinating Committee is currently working on finalizing a plan for the ongoing evolution and evaluation of the “starter” set of measures, as we continue to align and refine performance measurement strategies in Washington.

For updates on the progress of the performance measures work or to review the final set of measures go to the Healthier Washington website at: [www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/performance\\_measures.aspx](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/performance_measures.aspx).

**Accountable Communities of Health Initiative Design Regions**

Seven design regions have each been awarded \$100,000, pending federal approval, to prepare for designation as Accountable Communities of Health (ACHs).

The seven selected design regions are aligned with the state’s Medicaid Regional Service Areas (RSAs), which were designated in November 2014 and will take hold in April 2016:

- **Southwest Regional Health Alliance**, representing the Southwest Washington RSA: Clark, Skamania and Klickitat counties.
- **Better Health Together**, representing the Spokane RSA: Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane and Adams counties.
- **Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department**, representing the Pierce County RSA.
- **Greater Columbia ACH**, representing the Greater Columbia RSA: Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, Franklin, Walla Walla, Columbia, Whitman, Garfield and Asotin counties.
- **Chelan-Douglas Health District**, representing the North Central RSA: Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas and Grant counties.
- **Public Health Seattle - King County**, serving the King County RSA.

- **Kitsap Public Health Department**, representing the Peninsula RSA: Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap counties.

Funding for the ACH design work comes from the federal State Innovation Models grant, which Washington won in December. The \$65 million, four-year grant from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation helps implement key elements of Healthier Washington, including ACHs.

For updates on the Pilot or Design grantees, go to the Healthier Washington website at:

[http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/communities\\_of\\_health.aspx](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw/Pages/communities_of_health.aspx).

This project is supported by Funding Opportunity Number CMS-1G1-14-001 from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The content of this release does not necessarily represent the official views of HHS or any of its agencies.

Thank you for your interest in a Healthier Washington and for helping make Washington a healthy place to live, work, and play!

The Healthier Washington Project Team

[healthierwa@hca.wa.gov](mailto:healthierwa@hca.wa.gov)

(360) 725-1643

[www.hca.wa.gov/hw](http://www.hca.wa.gov/hw)